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## NEW AND UNIQUE WAY TO SPREAD THE BULL MOOSE PROPAGANDA

Practiced By W. B. Dickinson, Secretary of the National Playgrounds Ass'n

## He Draws His Salary from the People and Utilizes Time to Boost Roosevelt

It is one thing to have a public snap—it is another thing to have a public snap with a private, personal attachment which will admit of work in quasi-public acts—at the expense of those who furnish the public snap of the people.

And that is just what, as it looks to a man-on-tree, W. B. Dickinson, secretary of the National Playgrounds Association, is doing—for his actions on last Saturday night so indicated, and his public utterances so suggested. In short, Secretary Dickinson is spreading the Bull Moose propaganda while ostensibly employed by the National Playgrounds Association of America to go about over the country and see that play conditions for the little ones are better, for which purpose he was sent to St. Joseph last week.

### A Guest of Honor

So interested is Secretary Dickinson in spreading Bull Moose dope while out on these trips, for which the people's money pays, that he not only while here had much to say about Bull Moose doings and fixings, but he could not resist the temptation to be the other guest of honor when Dr. Charles G. Geiger, Dr. J. J. Bachabach, Bert Voorhees, John Bear and other Bull Moosers gave a dinner at the St. Francis in honor of Vic Murdock of Kansas, the man who lost his seat in congress last election owing to a misapprehension under which it is believed that the people of Kansas could not get along without him—which it seems they are now doing most satisfactorily, even if it only required thirty-one minutes to count the total vote cast in the state for Murdock.

But of course these St. Joseph Moosers had to give Murdock a dinner and as Dickinson was here and was giving out Moose dope while he looked over the local playgrounds, and in part earned his salary—he was invited and the dinner was given in honor of Mr.

### DEATH OF MRS. DRUMM COST TWO CENTS APIECE

Who Fell Asleep in the Evening of Her Life With a Song on Her Lips

The "Lucky Stones" Which St. Joseph People Purchased Are Declared To Be a Fraud

Announcement has been made of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Drumm, wife of Enoch S. Drumm, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Fox, 1005 North Sixth street.

The writer was personally acquainted with the old lady, and we want to attest in highest terms of praise to one of her virtues—that of cheerfulness of disposition, which she never lost under all conditions, and to which she gave expression at all times. Practically throughout the day and during many hours of the night her plaintive voice could be heard in old-fashioned song. As she busied herself in her tireless devotion to her household duties and to the care of her pet birds and flowers—she having a love for nature and its handbook—the writer was never as happy as when with a song on her lips she plodded around in the garden patch and watched the sunflowers grow taller and the morning glories open their blooms to receive the kiss of twilight dew.

Those familiar with the simple, unassuming life of this old lady cannot help but feel that she has simply fallen to sleep in the evening of her life, only to awake over there where the birds are singing and where God has transplanted the hollyhocks, the flowers and the vines that she loved so well.

### JOHN IRVING BENNETT TELLS THIS

A barber made the remark the other night that he would rather shave three Germans than one Englishman. The next morning one of the English citizens called at the shop to inquire the reason why, and he was told the barber would receive 45 cents from the three Germans and only 15 cents from the Englishman.

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### PROUD TO PROCLAIM IT

Democrat Knowing That They Have Cared for the Schools Are Tired of Misrepresentation

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 12.—The certificate just made by State Auditor Gordon to Superintendent of Schools H. A. Gass appraises the magnificent sum of \$1,613,479.80 to the public schools out of the state revenues. The Democratic state administration, in addition to the above named sum, has appropriated from the state revenues for town, village and rural high schools, teachers' training courses in the public schools, and for supervision of district schools, the further sum of \$395,280.00. From the same source this year, the state administration has appropriated the further sum of \$260,000 for the rebuilding of the normal school, which was burned early last spring, at Warrensburg. This makes a total of \$2,268,769.80, which is far more than one-third of all the revenue put into the state treasury. This unusually large sum is \$20,680.28 more than was ever before given the public schools at any one time. In the foregoing, no account is taken of the many hundreds of thousands being given for the maintenance of the state university, normal schools, Lincoln Institute, and schools for the deaf, dumb, blind, and the morally and mentally defective.

### IT STIRRED THE SECRETARY

And this call of the Bull Moose men below—stirred that New York secretary so deeply that he could not resist the urge—and when he took the door he spoke at great length. Of course, it might be proper to say that it is not supposed that his contract with the National Association calls for him to work overtime at night in overseeing things connected with the playgrounds for the little ones—but still his salary from the people goes on just the same day or night time so he just talked and talked—and then talked some more. As an illustration of his Bull Moosism here is one of the many things that he said:

This country has gone the limit on materialistic lines, and the pendulum is now swinging the other way toward the spiritual things, and the better things of life. The demand for social and industrial justice is just as much alive now as in 1912. There has been no defection among those who add to the principles of Progressivism."

And he kept it up as long as he could think of a few more Moosisms, and when he had covered himself with satisfaction and real Bull Moose perspiration, he sat down feeling that he had done something for the Bull Moose propaganda in St. Joseph, Missouri, U. S. A., and that his salary as national secretary of the Playgrounds Association of America paid by the people, was still going on, and on, and on.

### THE PASTOR RESIGNED

Says that the Sunday Brand of Religion Is Wrong and Will Not Accept It

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D., from a committee of one hundred organized by the Federal council of the churches of Christ in America to promote evangelistic meetings here during the Panama-Pacific exposition was announced Tuesday. Dr. Aked is pastor of the First Congregational church here and formerly was pastor of the Fifth avenue Baptist church of New York, some times called the Rockefeller church.

He was vice-president of the committee of one hundred, but withdrew from membership in it in his letter of resignation, said, because Rev. William A. (Billie) Stephens, a wealthy retired business man, decided to preach at Walter DeWitt's grocery store.

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### IOWA HAS NEW CENSOR

He Will Pass Upon the Capacity of Bibulous Residents of the Prohibition Hawkeye State

For once, Iowa has beaten Kansas in it with a really radical new-fangled idea. By grace of the city council of Mason City, Iowa now has a "liquor censor," said to be the only one of the kind extant. This is Iowa's contribution to the long list of censors, moral, picture censors, theatrical censors, bathing beach censors, dance censors and dress censors, not to mention the ever-present war news censor.

The "liquor censor" is presumed to have a hand in enforcing Iowa's new prohibition statute. He is now engaged, press dispatches state, in compiling a census of all of the thirty inhabitants of Mason City, in order that he may know who may be expected to buy liquor for personal consumption and who for consumption by neighbors, friends or patrons, the first method being permitted by law and

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### WE REALLY HAVE SOME RIGHTS

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### ATTORNEY'S PREACHING AND PRACTICE

The report is that Samuel Unterman made 4 million dollars out of the big advance in Bethlehem Steel stock while he was trying to persuade the New York constitutional convention to put some restraint on Wall street speculation.

### KANSAS CITY WORKED UP

The Windy City at the Kaw's Mouth Loses Its Appropriation for Missouri River Work

While St. Joseph has had tough luck in securing money for the improvement of the Missouri river at this point, it can still feel better than Kansas City, which had the money and now has lost it. For several years past Kansas City has made a great noise over its barge line to St. Louis, and has had much to say as to its who has charge of the improvement paying outlays. Col. Herbert Deakyne, work on the Missouri, does not seem to think so, and has recommended that the \$20,000,000 which was appropriated in 1910 for continuous improvement of the river between Kansas City and St. Louis be cut off, and Kansas City is all rolled up. Col. Deakyne's letter notifying the Kansas Citizens of the fact says:

The rivers and harbors act approved March 4, 1910 contained the following provision:

Sec. 14. That the following projects now under improvement shall be reexamined in accordance with the law for the original examination of rivers and harbors with the view to obtaining reports whether the adopted projects shall be modified or the improvement abandoned.

(Then follows a list of rivers to be reexamined, including the Missouri river, from the mouth to Kansas City.)

You are informed that the required reexamination has been made and that the report submitted theron is satisfactory in the continuance of the improvement in accordance with the present project.

The unfavorable report is based upon the ground that the present and reasonable prospective commerce is not sufficient to warrant the expenditure necessary for the execution and maintenance of the improvement.

### ANOTHER APPLE STORY

It Equals That of William Tell, for It Gave a Grocery Clerk a Farm

A story that will interest the sportsmen from Lincoln, Neb., where on Monday August Stephens, a wealthy retired business man, decided to teach Walter DeWitt, a grocery clerk,

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### ANOTHER "EXPERT"

But That Great Star Does Not See Any Biblical Reason to Change His Version

In the early part of 1914 Mr. David Starr Jordan wrote this—very sarcastically:

What shall we say of the Great War of Europe, ever threatening, ever impending, and which never comes? We shall say that it will never come.

Did the fact that the Great War did come about two months afterward shake the peaceful Doctor Jordan? Not a bit of it.

The facts of life have no lessons for your extreme "pacifists." They are not concerned with facts at all. They are interested only in their own pet theories as to what they would like to have the world be.

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### WHO ARE 'PATRIOTS' THAT WANT WAR?

The Fellows Who Would Spill Country's Blood for Monetary Consideration

### WHO WOULD SACRIFICE YOUR FATHER AND SON?

When Congressman Taverner Tried to Find Out He Met With Failure, for Even the Stanley Committee, Which Was Authorized by Congress, Had No Better Success and Retired From the Field, Which Causes the Congressman to Comment on the Situation After This Fashion.

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### BUM YEAR FOR PROFESSSIGNAL POLITICIANS

If you are a bum politician your occupation is gone West year. Vice-President Marshall says:

"There will be no great issues in the campaign next year because the people of this country are thinking only about whether or not we are going to keep out of the European war. There are no persons working themselves into a frenzy except men who want some office, and next year we are going to have a bum campaign for the professional politicians."

This is as it should be. There is now no earthly use for professional politicians.

### TO ENFORCE DUCK LAW

Spertemen Warned That Federal Regulations for Protection of Wild Fowl Will Be Observed

With the approach of the open season for shooting wild fowl, the United States department of agriculture is warning sportsmen that the federal regulations as amended October 1, 1914, will be strictly enforced. Some misunderstanding has arisen from the fact that the various state laws do not conform to the federal regulations. This is regarded as unfortunate, but in such cases the department must insist upon the observance of the federal regulations.

The department will consider any recommendations submitted in good faith for amendment of the regulations, but will hold no public hearings thereon, but will amend the regulations prior to October 1, 1915. It is the purpose of the department to conform the regulations to the wishes of the majority of sportsmen so far as it can be done and at the same time give wild fowl the necessary protection.

Federal regulations divide the United States into two zones. Zone No. 1, the breeding zone, includes the states of Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey and all states north of them. Zone No. 2, the wintering zone, includes all states south of those named. Missouri is in the southern zone and the open season for shooting ducks and other migratory birds, with the exception of coots, curts, curlew and smaller shore birds opens Sept. 15 and closes Jan. 1.

### SENATOR STONE HELD UP

But It Was a "Movie" Feature, and the Operators Spared the Senator's Cash

Senator William Zoull Stone was in a road over through Indio in Southwestern Missouri some years ago and it was because of his experience at that time that a statute was enacted in this state making this offense punishable by banishment.

The law that he had enacted did not save him, however, one day last week while he, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. John George Fackinson, the latter of this city, were recreating in the mountains of Colorado, for they were held up by a band of "outlaws" along with other members of his party who occupied a stagecoach. The holdup had been planned by a motion picture concern which had its own stagecoach and actors drilled for the occasion. The coach in which Senator Stone was riding came down the mountain ahead of the movie coach and was mistaken by the "outlaws" for their own coach.

The holdup was unknown to Senator Stone's party and was so good that the movie people decided to let it go at that, and the Senator and his party will be shown throughout the United States in this film.

### IS NOW A WASHERMAN

The Ex-Mayor of Terre Haute Talked Once Too Often for His Own Convenience

The old saying that he talked too much has put Don M. Roberts, ex-mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., where he was convicted of blatant election fraud, into more trouble. When he was first brought to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, the prison officials tried to show him all possible leniency by placing him in a clerical position in the office of the superintend-

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